

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

**Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:**

The present invention is directed to a ~~A performance data editing system, which is embodied within~~  
~~is actualized by a computer system (or electronic musical instrument) which is equipped with a~~  
display and a mouse. ~~The system initially~~ The present invention provides a score window  
containing various types of execution icon layers onto which execution icons (representing musical  
symbols such as bend-up/down, grace-up/down, dynamics, glissando, tremolo) are attached and  
arranged in conformity with a progression of a musical tune on a screen of the display. Each of the  
~~layers~~ layer can be ~~is independently controlled in response to various commands such as display on,~~  
~~small-scale display, display-off and vertical rearrangement.~~ The system ~~present invention further~~  
allows a user (or music editor) to select desired execution icons from an icon select palette that  
provides lists of execution icons which are registered in advance. In addition, the ~~system~~  
~~also~~ present invention allows ~~the a~~ user to modify parameters of a specific icon ~~which is selected~~  
from among the execution icons attached onto the score window. ~~That is, the user opens an icon~~  
~~modify window to change parameters of the specific icon with the mouse. Further, the system~~  
~~provides the user with a simple operation for deletion of execution-related data from performance~~  
~~data. That is, when~~ When a ~~the~~ user performs drag-and-drop operations on a certain execution icon  
to move it outside of a prescribed display area (e.g., layer window) of the score window, the ~~system~~  
~~automatically deletes~~ icon is deleted along with the corresponding execution-related data ~~from the~~  
~~performance data. Thus, it is possible to improve performability and efficiency in editing~~  
~~performance data by using icons with simple operations and without errors.~~